

2 THE PUNISHMENT OF DEATH.

The Howard Association of Great Britain,

5, BISHOPSGATE WITHOUT, LONDON, E.C.

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The English Newspapers announce as follows:—

"THE ABOLITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.—At a Meeting of the Committee of the Howard Association held in London, a few days ago, the subject of the abolition of Capital Punishment was discussed, and it was concluded by the Committee, on the motion of Mr. James Henderson, seconded by Mr. Lightly Simpson, "That it is desirable that the present Parliament shall have an opportunity of expressing a judgment upon the question of abolishing Capital Punishment, or, at least, that some further discussion upon it shall be brought about in the House of Commons. The Secretary of this Association, Mr. William Tallack, is therefore requested to invite Mr. J. W. Pease, M.P. for South Durham, to introduce the subject next session, either in the form of a resolution for the abolition of Capital Punishment, or in such other way as may seem desirable." In reply to this request Mr. Pease has written to the Howard Association, stating that he is willing to undertake the matter, and that he intends to give notice, on a certain day of the Session, of a resolution, or to ask permission to bring in a Bill, for the abolition of Capital Punishment. The Right Hon. John Bright, M.P., and Mr. Thomas also written expressing their continued and deep interest in the subject.

To

DEAR SIR,

In connection with the above announcement, the Committee of the Association will be pleased to receive from you any information on the question of Capital Punishment, in your Country, or State, which it may be agreeable and convenient to forward to them.

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In particular they would be gratified at being furnished with the most recent STATISTICS as to the number of *convicts* for murder and the number of *executions*, if any, in your Country (or State).

If Capital Punishment has been abolished in your State, have murders *increased* or *decreased*, subsequently? *Statistical* proofs, either way, would be of much interest.

If IMPRISONMENT has been substituted, in your State, for Capital Punishment, are the murderers thus permanently *prisoned*, retained *in good health of body and mind*? And is there any tendency, on *their* part (more than in the case of other prisoners) to assault the officers of the prison?

Any information on the above questions, or on any matters connected with the subject in general, will be very acceptable to our Association as soon as it may be convenient to you to communicate with us.

I remain, DEAR SIR,

Yours very respectfully,

WILLIAM TALLACK,

Secretary of the Howard Association.

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